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In re Application of :  
Maass, Bergmann, Herwig, Jutzi, :  
Cardine, Grimm, Strauss, Drewniok, : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Killner, Wurm, Hof, Dobson, Schang, : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
and Keyes :  
Application No. 09/672,393 :  
Filed: 28 September, 2000 :  
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This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),  
filed on 24 August, 2001.

The petition is granted.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor, Gregory Keyes, cannot be found. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor on several occasions, but the inventor failed to execute and return the declaration.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is written over the printed name.

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